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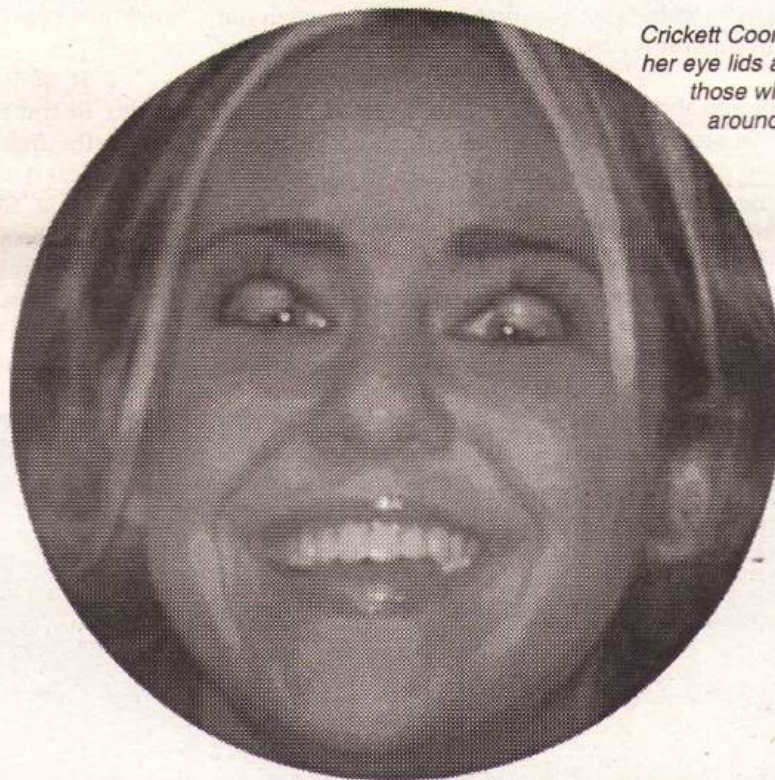
Everyone has his or her own hidden talents, but for some people it is much different than the rest. Everyone is special in some way - here some classmates demonstrate what sets them apart from the others.



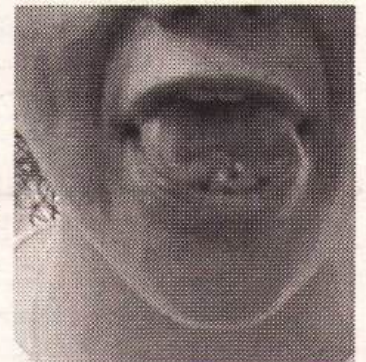
Being flexible for a guy is a gift, but Cam Thomas has taken it to a different level by being able to stand with a foot behind his neck.



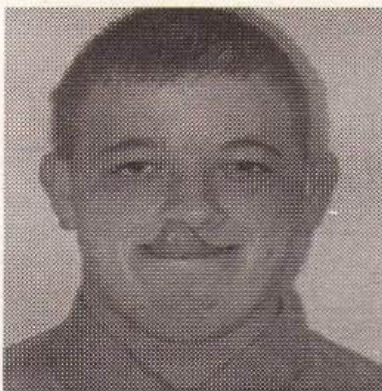
Jake Corell's equilibrium is definitely precise when it comes to balancing himself with just his two hands.



Crickett Coons rolls back her eye lids and stuns those who are around her.



Triple rolling a tongue.....Thats right, Amanda Smith can put three different kinks or ripples in her tongue.



A long tongue would not be the words to say when it comes to Danny Hocken's tongue.



Corbin Olds demonstrates some of his gymnastic talent by doing the worm.



Students are often told to suck in there stomachs, but Eric Bennett has learned to take this to the extreme.

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Cell Phones: Help or Hindrance?

By: Ashley Berry

"It is alright to have cell phones as long as they don't interrupt during classes," quoted a student without a cell phone. Many people have lots of different opinions. What is your opinion on cell phones in school? Is it really that important to carry around with you the majority of the time? When asked, Doctor Thomas said, "There is no place for cell phones in school at all. If you have an emergency then your parents can call the office. Even though, we confiscate them when they ring but we can not confiscate them if they are just in a purse or in a pocket."

There technically isn't a school policy for cell phones, but when the phone rings in class, in the cafeteria, or anywhere in the school, a teacher or administrator can take it away from you.

Many teachers express the same opinion about cell phones in their classes. "I understand why parents want kids to have them. I don't object unless they're on during my class," quoted a teacher at MHS. Teachers are able to take the students phones away and may address their own consequences for the student to pay, if it rings during a class.

When you are in school do you really need to talk to a friend who is in the same building as you? If you have a phone, then it should be off during school hours.

Breaking Up is Hard to Do... So how should you do it?

by Melissa Steen

Being dumped. The dreaded thing in a high school career. But let's face it, it happens, even to the best. And it can either make you or break you. So how should you approach it if you go to the same school as the "love of your life"?

A lot of students just say, "Keep it at home. We don't want to be in your little drama." But honestly not everyone keeps their personal lives where they should be. Every once in a while you'll hear a couple arguing down the halls, or one of them explaining in glorious detail what tragically happened between the two of them. Like maybe he didn't call, or she talked to another guy. And it turns into a sob story and the couple starts to gather their friends and basically say "pick sides".

Then after sides are chosen, the couple dramatically decides that the other person is no longer impor-

tant, and that they don't need them. How life would be much more simple without them, and blah, blah, blah...(All this is said while they are crying their eyes out, or trying not to.) So they break up. (More Tears) It's happened again. Another "heart is broken", and "their life is ruined, and over." You, as a friend, are probably sitting there like, 'Didn't I see this on a show the other night...?' While you still appear to be listening and adding the "I'm sorry's" and the "It's okay's"... But deep down you wonder when they are going to shut-up. (It's okay you can admit it. You know you've heard it all before.)

It doesn't seem to matter to the couple what started the fight, but rather whose fault it was, and who has to be the first to apologize. It goes on all day, sometimes all week, and then sometimes it will probably never end. But then some how, the ones who get back

together, drastically put aside their differences, they apologize, they hug, they kiss, and they are back together. All in the course of a school day. Amazing, isn't it? It probably happened between first block and third. And all before the rumors got to everyone in the school. And those who heard they broke up are now telling people that they are "back together". All while you're silently wondering how long till they break up again... (Go ahead be honest.)

But who really wants to be caught up in all that mess? (I know I don't.) (You can be honest again here, too.) So couples do us a favor, keep the drama to yourselves. So you don't look so ridiculous when you're done with your little quarrel, and remember it's a school building, not a Hollywood set for a popular soap opera. Also that their are people close to your age around that talk, a lot, they're called rumors.

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**Sagittarius (November 22- December 21)**

Gather your thoughts and feelings and take a stand on something important to you. A period of adventure and generosity awaits you this month. This is the month when things seem to be going your way. Fickle feelings will make your emotions flip-flop and you may start to have old feelings for an ex. Watch out for problems with a friend that may represent in tears. Lucky Days: 1st, 17th, 28th

Capricorn (December 22- January 20)

Watch out this month you are easily agitated, especially if everything seems to be getting out of proportion. Try to avoid taking control of so much. You may have a bit of trouble with personal relationships. A friend may need to confide in you about some family problems. Lucky Days: 1st, 17th, 28th

Aquarius (January 21- February 19)

This is a satisfying month. If you are in any misunderstandings this month, you'll be the one to settle it. After the 11th, you may feel like you are ready to make a commitment that can positively alter your life. It is time for a new beginning, and you may make new friends and also rekindle old friends. Lucky Days: 5th, 13th, 22nd

Pisces (February 20-March 20)

Do not let your insecurities get to you this month. Stop for a moment and ground yourself, so you don't let yourself get distracted by little things. Your friend will start to show more support for you decisions. A friend of the opposite sex will help you get over someone that recently broke your heart. Lucky Days: 7th, 15th, 26th

Aries (March 21-April 20)

This month you may want to think extra before you speak, your actions and words have a bigger impact on people than you think. Cheer up and give yourself more reasons to laugh. Someone you've been interested in for a while will decide they have feelings for you, but you might have second thoughts. A person of the opposite sex will end up being one of your new best friends; don't be scared, you can trust them. Lucky Days: 9th, 18th, 28th

Taurus (April 20-May 21)

Try putting other peoples wants ahead of your own this month. Use your creativity to express yourself; you are better at it than you think. You may be really stressed, but take some chill time and it will be ok. It's the holidays, but be careful not to spend all your money. Lucky Days: 12th, 21st, 30th

Gemini (May 22-June 21)

This is a high-energy month for you. You will start to notice many new opportunities this month. In life, you are noticing that you are at a point in your life where you are ready for a new relationship. You may encounter something magical after the 10th. Open your eyes, try to see yourself as others see you. Remember it is easier to fix something about you than someone else. Lucky Days: 5th, 14th, 23rd

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Watch out Cancer, you will notice this month that you are a little more sensitive and short tempered than others. If it seems like every one is abandoning you, do not worry, they haven't, they just have stresses of their own. You may feel better by showing people how much you care about them. Watch out for a friend who may start flirting with your crush. Lucky Days: 6th, 15th, 26th

Leo (July 23- August 23)

This month you are feeling a little more outgoing than usual. Do not think twice about something that is bothering you, just do it. Watch out for a best friend of the opposite sex hinting that they are interested in you. Keep it cool, you can handle anything. Lucky Days: 3rd, 11th, 31st

Virgo (August 24- September 22)

Do not let changes around you throw off your routine. Think twice before you agree to just go somewhere or do something, otherwise you may get stuck in a situation you simply do not enjoy. Let everyone know how much you care about them this holiday season. Lucky Days: 4th, 16th, 25th

Libra (September 23rd- October 23rd)

Be prepared for a lot of excitement this month. Also, be ready for petty arguments to arise after the 10th. You are feeling more self-assured and are less likely to question whether you are doing the right thing. Open up to other people and it will make things easier on you. Lucky Days: 3rd, 6th, 15th

Scorpio (October 24- November 22nd)

Listen to other peoples concerns and it might help other people understand who you are. If there is something that is bothering you, confront it. Share a deep secret with a friend and they will share their advice. Lucky Days: 4th, 14th, 22nd



International Students

By: Sara Reynolds and Amanda Smith

Have you ever wondered if the kid sitting next to you was born in another country? Not all the students at MHS are from Iowa, maybe not even from the United States. Just because the speak English and look American, doesn't mean they are.



Michael and Maria Ayala were born in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. They moved to San Jose, CA in 1990 because their dad's job

and he wanted their kids to learn English. After moving to Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, and Ohio, they ended up in Iowa. Michael and Maria's family own El Rey Restaurant in Marion. Their family started up 115 restaurants throughout the United States. Michael likes to eat pizza and work, while Maria enjoys Chinese food and volleyball.

Quam Bach, a sixteen-year-old sophomore, was born in Asia. His family, including one sister, moved to Iowa in 1991. He enjoys Marion because its cleaner here and he likes block scheduling. He also likes Subway and will "do anything".



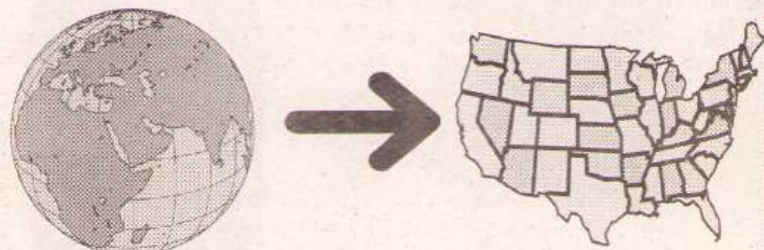
Freshman, Katlyn Manuel, was born in the Philippines and lived in Japan until she was seven. Her mom married an American and they moved to New Mexico. She ended up in Iowa when she was twelve, after moving to Boston and back to New Mexico. She thinks Marion and the people are nice, but its much colder

here. In the Philippines it never snows and is 100 degrees all the time. Katlyn enjoys Kentucky Fried Chicken, and to go out with her friends to movies and to the mall. She also likes to dance and is involved in Steps here at Marion.

Tina Lujan, a junior, was born in the Phillipines. She moved to Hawaii when she was three years old and ended up in Iowa when she was five. Tina's mom met her dad in the Phillipines and their family, including her three sisters, moved to Iowa because his mom and dad lived here. Tina likes Iowa because there are nice people here and she said, "There is lots of corn and stuff." The Phillipines and Hawaii is more industrialized than Iowa and the climate is much cooler. She likes Pancheros, to laugh, and play basketball.



Maybe now when you look at the kid sitting next to you, you will think twice about where they are from and their different ethnic backgrounds. Don't be afraid to ask where they are from, because they are happy to share with you and you can learn a lot from them.



Where Is He Now.....

Andy Wright

Have you been wondering what happened to Andy Wright? Well, he's three hours away in Rochester, MN. He moved there to play hockey, because their teams are more advcanced than Waterloo's. At Lourdes, a Catholic school he is attending, he has a much greater chance of being recruited when he graduates.

Andy attended MHS last year after moving here from West Virginia. He's a junior and he drove to Waterloo almost every night to practice hockey. This summer, he attended a hockey camp, and met a coach that thought he had real talent. Now he's playing on his team. So far, he's been doing well. The team he plays on is ranked as one of the top thirty in the nation. Hockey is bigger than football there, and a lot of students go to the games. He practices all the time, and the season starts at the end of November.

At Lourdes, they have twenty "mods" a day, and they are each twenty minutes long. Andy's classes only occupy ten of those this term, but their times vary everyday. He says he doesn't like the school as much as MHS, and he misses his friends, but he'll definitely stay there. He loves living with his host family, and talks to his parents often. His parents said, "This was something Andy has always wanted to do. He put everything together, which showed us he was responsible and serious about this endeavor. He has always put 100% and more into his hockey. Of course we miss him, but it's a great oppourtunity and we hope it will enable him to follow his dream. Although you're never ready for you children to leave home, we're proud of him and all he has accomplished."

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Sara McGrew

New Students

Imagine its your first day at a new school. You don't know anyone, you don't know where your classes are and you are terrified. The bell rings, and it's time to start your new life as a student at Marion High School.

At Marion, we get many new students every year. This year, we have had 62 new students in grades ninth through twelveth transfer here from different schools.

I've gone to Marion my whole life, so I don't know the "first-day-of-a-new-school" feeling. Many students do though, and I thought I'd introduce you to a few that are new to us this year. So maybe if you see them sometime in the hallway or in the cafeteria, you can give them a nice, warm, "Hey!" Each of these people are fun, and personally, I'm glad I took the chance to get to know them. I hope you do, too!

Name: Annie Gaines

Age: 18
 Birthday: October 24
 Grade: Senior
 Previous School: Home schooled in Mississippi
 Why Marion?: I live down the street from the school
 What Do You Like About Marion?: Everything - especially the people
 First Friend: Hannah Waters
 Nicest Teacher: I can't pick just one!
 Biggest Pet Peeve: People that make sick noises at the lunch table
 Favorite Day: Christmas
 Favorite Artist: John Mayer
 Favorite Food: Fettuccinni
 Favorite Color: Green
 Future Plans: I'm going to Kirkwood and the spring, UNI in the fall and I'm going to major in music performance
 Best Advice Ever Received: "Use an umbrella when it rains."
 How Was The First Day Of School?: interesting, confusing, hilarious
 Favorite Class: English
 Classes Now: American Government, Consumer Math, Choir, English



Name: Drew Hingtgen

Age: 15
 Birthday: November 11th
 Grade: Freshman
 Previous School: St. Joe's
 Why Marion?: Closer than Xavier
 What Do You Like About Marion?: Block Scheduling
 Best Memory So Far: Freshmen football season 2002
 First Friend Here: Thomas Greene
 Nicest Teacher: Mrs. Freese
 Biggest Pet Peeve: Rude people
 Favorite Day: Friday
 Favorite Movie: Night At The Roxbury
 Favorite Band: AC/DC
 Favorite Food: Pizza
 Future Plans: Attend a four-year college
 Best Advice Ever Received: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, TRY again."



Name: Mitchell James

Age: 17
 Birthday: October 5th
 Grade: Junior
 Previous School: Cedar Rapids Prairie
 Why Marion?: Parents moved
 What Do You Like About Marion?: Block scheduling
 Best Memory So Far: The blood drive
 First Friend: Tim Dirks
 Nicest Teacher: Mrs. Gaffney-Paige
 Biggest Pet Peeve: People who put up Christmas lights before Halloween
 Favorite Day: Christmas
 Favorite Food: Anything Italian
 Favorite Color: Black
 Future Plans: Join the Air Force and go to college
 Best Advice Ever Received: "Don't get yourself in trouble."
 First Day Of School: "Sat all by myself, then went home and cried." (joking)
 Where Do You Work: Menard's
 Favorite Class: Gym
 Classes Now: Web tech, Consumer Math, Personal/Social Law, American History



Name: Autumn Leech

Age: 15
 Birthday: January 25th
 Grade: Sophomore
 Previous School: Cedar Rapids Kennedy
 Why Marion?: Moved and there's a better crowd here than at Linn-Mar
 What Do You Like About Marion?: Basically, I know everyone
 Best Memory So Far: The Homecoming football game
 First Friend: Alisabeth Caraway
 Nicest teacher: Mr. Fruehling
 Biggest Pet Peeve: People who put sweaters on dogs
 Favorite Day: July 29th (her mom's birthday)
 Favorite Band: B2K
 Favorite Food: Jalapeno peppers
 Favorite Color: Blue
 Future Plans: I want to go to Julliard
 Best Advice Ever Received: "It doesn't matter how long it takes you to do something. Take your time; the tortoise always wins the race."



Diving Into the Competition

How long have you been diving?

Two years, but I've been swimming for eight years.

What do you like best about diving?

I like the competition. Especially when it's a home meet when all the parent's and team mates are there to watch and cheer you on.

What do you least like about Diving?

When you smack the water! I have done that to the point I had bruises.

Have you ever been to state tournaments? Where?

Nope, but my dream is to go to state this year.

What kind of awards have you won?

This year at the JV Washington invitational I got first place. I am now the Washington champion.

What is your best memory this year?

Having my mom be my coach, without her I wouldn't be doing this, she tries her best to help me.

Restaurant of the Month

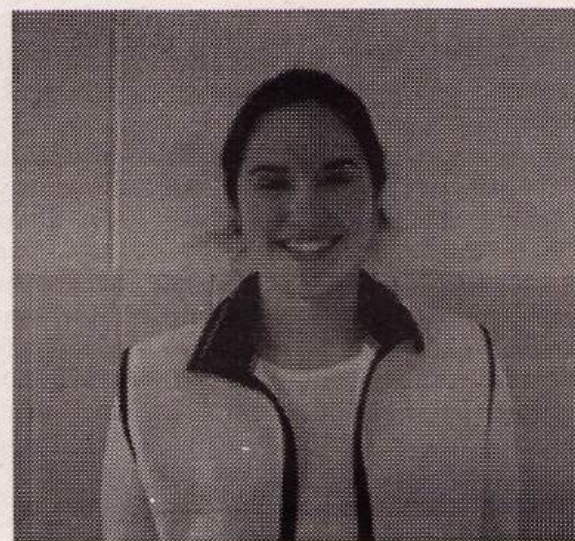


by Paige Johnson

Our "Restaurant of the Month" is Naso's, which has been open for 25 years. Located on 7th Avenue in Marion. Naso's is known for their pizza and good service. Their pizza recipe has been used since 1952. You can order anything on your pizza from cheese to smoked oysters. The most popular time to go to Naso's is Friday night. They are open from

11:30 AM to 11:00 PM. Does the name Naso's sound unfamiliar to you? Naso's was first located on 1st Avenue in Cedar Rapids, and it moved to Marion a few years ago. If you ever need to call in an order you can contact them at 377-9066. You can even stop in and check out their famous pizza at 453 on 7th Avenue in Marion.

Student of the Month



Shelley Osborn

At a random drawing, Shelley Osborn was chosen as the student of the month.

"There's no glory in practice but without practice there's no glory." This is Shelley's life-long motto. When you take a look at all of the activities that Shelley is involved in, this quote comes into a better perspective. Shelley is involved in dance and soccer at Marion, and is also actively involved in S.O.D.A and Win With Wellness.

When out of school, Shelley stays pretty busy. When not practicing dance or soccer, Shelley enjoys drawing and some other hobbies that she has. She also enjoys to read and run. Overall though, Shelley said, "Friends usually come first when I'm out of school."

Shelley's birthday is November 28, 1985. Soon she will be turning seventeen. Shelley seems to be quite excited about her birthday. "Birthdays are so fun. They are always good days," she shares with a great big smile.

MHS VOCAL MUSIC- Reaching New Heights

by Perry Clouse

Seniors Jenna Hocken and Leah Kinnard



Seniors Leah Kinnard and Jenna Hocken performed in the All-State chorus last weekend.

have qualified for All-State, an honor that few singers ever achieve. The two have been preparing themselves for this event

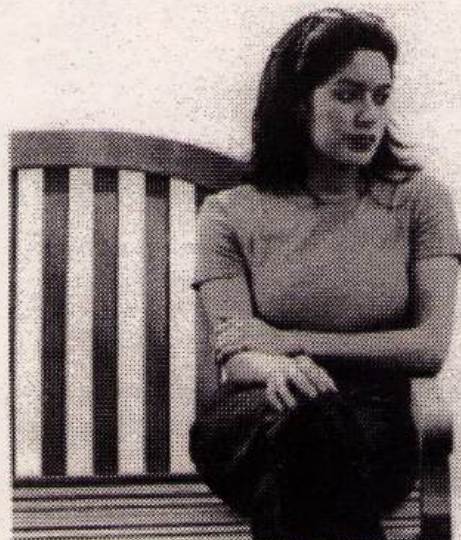
from late July until October. Each practicing for two hours each week with Mrs. Freese and two to four hours each on their own.

When asked how she felt about the accomplishment of these girls, Mrs. Freese replied, "They're awesome! They worked so hard and put in so much time. It is very exciting to see two very deserving and talented singers receive this honor!" Leah said, "We are both very excited and surprised! We were ecstatic!" Jenna added, "Making All-State Choir really boosted my self-confidence. It is the best feeling in the world!"

With such a "flawless audition," it will be interesting to hear how much they improved between their audition and the All-State Concert.

Mrs. Freese's goals this year for all her choir members is "To instill a life-long enjoyment of music." Her goal for choir performance is "To develop tone quality and control in each student."

Mrs. Freese concluded our interview with one last comment, "There are so many talented young voices," which she hopes will continue to get stronger.



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NAME:**Amanda Murray**

AGE: 17

ACTIVITY: Winter Cheerleading
OTHER ACTIVITIES: Fall cheerleading, competitioncheerleading, FBLA, NHS, NCYL
FAVORITE MEMORY: When we played Linn-Mar for basketball last year. When we were warming up, all of LM's cheerleaders came out and sat in front of us. During the game, they kept copying our cheers and making fun of us, so we started doing the same to them.

FAVORITE COLOR: Pink

FAVORITE CLASS: Health Occupations
WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST INFLUENCE? My parents

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST WHEN YOU GRADUATE? : Seeing my friends every day

FUTURE PLANS: Go to a four year university and major in exercise science. After I get my bachelor's I want to go on to physical therapy grad. school and get my doctorate of physical therapy.

**NAME:****Josh Ivey**

AGE: 18

ACTIVITY: Basketball
OTHER ACTIVITIES: Journalism, Take Charge, Student Senate, SODA

FAVORITE

MEMORY: Getting pulled out of a ditch on the way to Adventureland. Wade - You're outta control obviously! Trent Fish getting hit in the balls during Sophomore year by Coach W.....? Buying Gunnar sea monkey's for his birthday.
FAVORITE COLOR: Robins Egg Blue
FAVORITE CLASS: Anything taught by Mr. Immerfall. Obviously he's the best teacher o ever bless MHS.

WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST INFLUENCE? : My father

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST WHEN YOU GRADUATE? : Hanging out with the guys, talking ball with Caleb, and grooming Eiben.

FUTURE PLANS: Going to a small college with Caleb, carrying out a three step process to takeover that school. Make educational videos about how we took over the school, getting rich and marrying a woman who loves me for my money.

**NAME: Ashley Podoll**

AGE: 17

ACTIVITY: Basketball

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Volleyball, soccer, NHS, SODA

FAVORITE MEMORY: When I was TPing with some people from the volleyball team, Whitney was dressed in her dad's hunting gear and was rolling in the back of Lindsey's blazer. We got Tim so good, you couldn't see his house!

FAVORITE COLOR: Green

FAVORITE CLASS: Field Biology

WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST INFLUENCE? : My family

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST WHEN YOU GRADUATE? : Not being able to see my friends every day

FUTURE PLANS: Attending a four year college and majoring in a science field

**NAME: Caleb Lynott**

AGE: 17

ACTIVITY: Basketball

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Golf, youth group

FAVORITE MEMORY: Adventures in Ivey's cutty before Sophomore basketball practice

FAVORITE COLOR: Green

FAVORITE CLASS: Mr. Freuhling's classes

WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST INFLUENCE?: My parents, grandma, and uncle

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST WHEN YOU GRADUATE?: School being easy

FUTURE PLANS: Going to a small college with Ivey, carrying out a three step process to take over that school. Make educational videos about how we took over the school. Playing basketball at that school.

**NAME: Quince Springer**

AGE: 17

ACTIVITY: Basketball
OTHER ACTIVITIES: Football, Baseball, NHS, Take Charge, SODA

FAVORITE MEMORY: Hanging out at Eibens house after he has been couped up all day.

FAVORITE COLOR: Red

FAVORITE CLASS: P.E.

WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST INFLUENCE?: My brother

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST WHEN YOU GRADUATE? : All of my friends

FUTURE PLANS: To attend a four year college and play baseball. My major is undecided.



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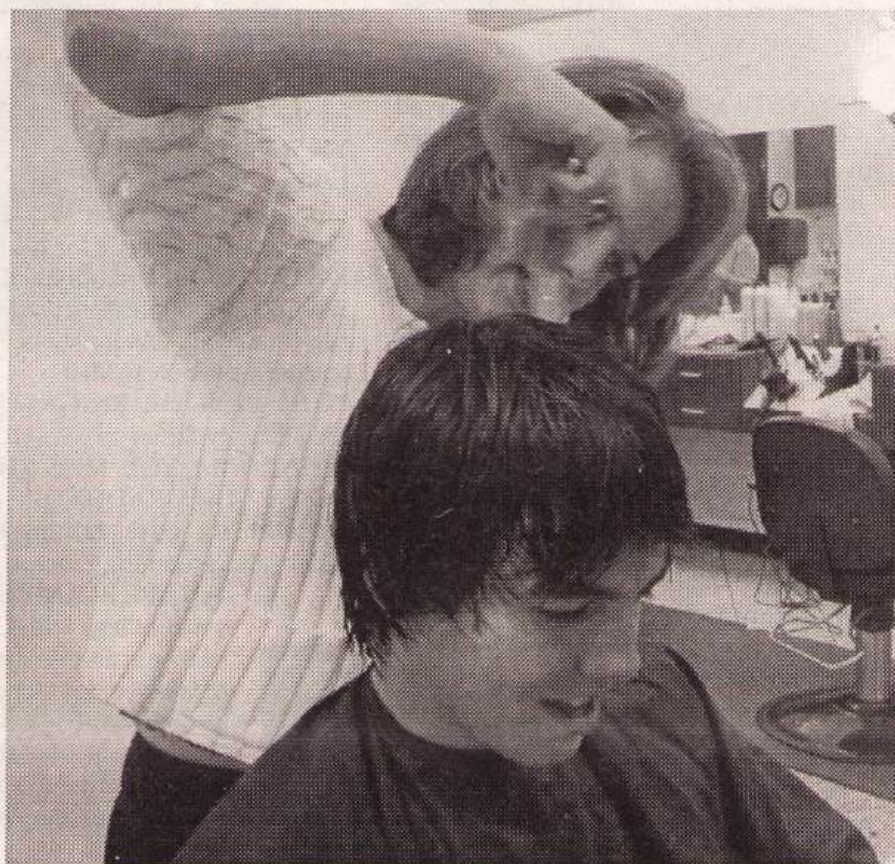
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Makeover

Have you ever wanted to change your look, but never had the chance to or knew what to do? Well, some Marion students had the chance to get a free makeover. Lisa Lage was selected after signing up to get her look changed. Josh Ivey was volunteered by the journalism class for the make-over, because of his hair that had not been cut since April, and his daily wardrobe of hospital pants and tee shirts. They were sent off to get their hair cut and styled by Maegen Gillen at Supercuts, and were given the chance to try on different styles of clothing provided by Bobbie Rose at Von Maur.



Lisa gets her hair done at Supercuts by Maegen Gillen. Lisa's hair was layered and thinned, but no length was taken off. According to stylists, the newest style for girls shoulder length and flipped out.



Josh gets his hair cut after eight months! The last time it was cut was cut was last year before prom. He finally took the plunge because of basketball.



After having her hair washed, the stylist layered it to give it body and frame the face.



Lisa gets her make-up done at Von Maur to make her makeover complete. The make-up stylist used products from the Clinique line.

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Name: Lisa Lage

Grade: 10th

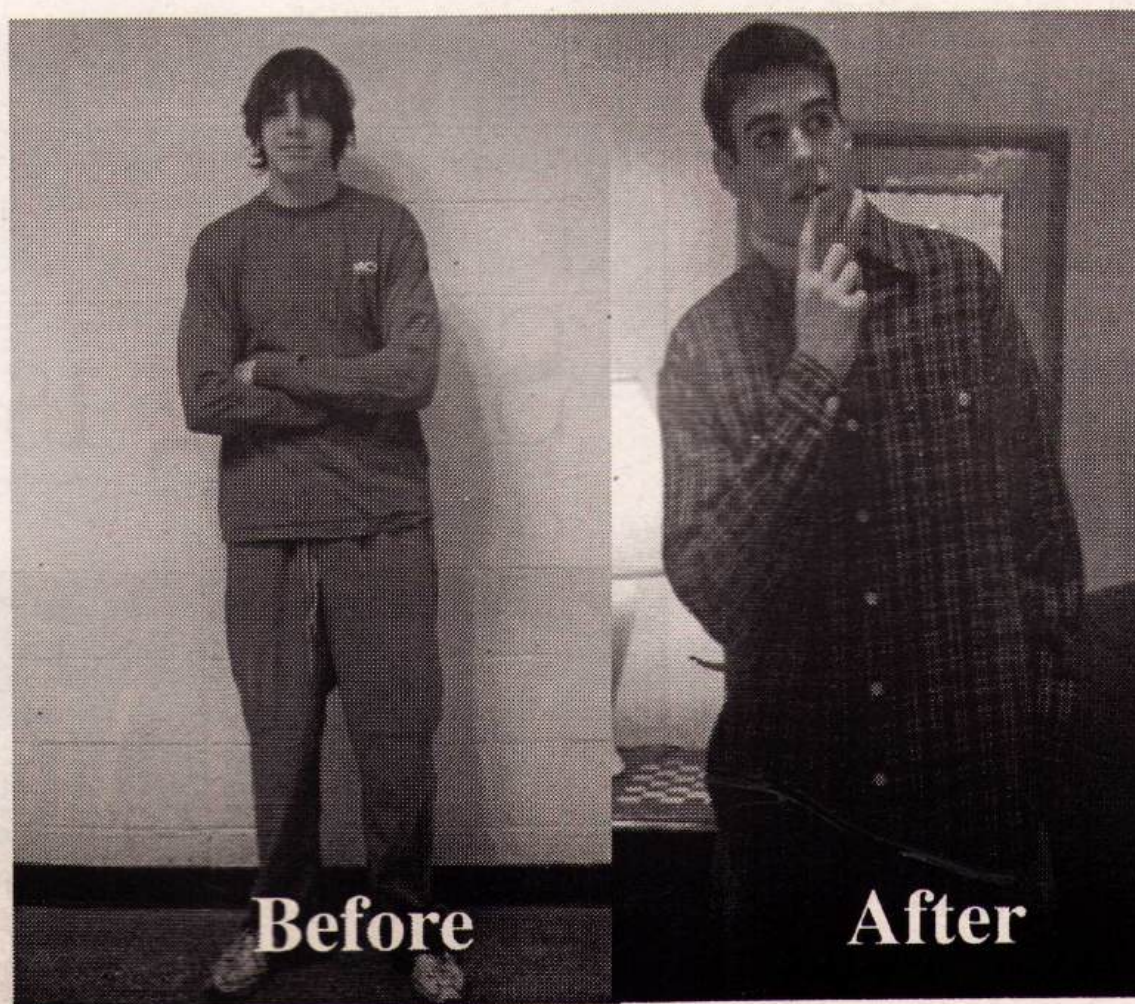
Reason for wanting a makeover : "I did this to try something new and different. Getting a different hairstyle was probably the funnest thing. The clothes were really cool, and I had never really wore that style before. Overall I had a great experience and a lot of fun!"



Name: Josh Ivey

Grade: 12th

Reason for wanting a makeover: "I wanted to get a haircut for basketball season. I liked trying on the ghetto clothes. I miss my hair, so I think I am going to grow it out again. I hope this will get me an "A" in journalism."



ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS...

Christmas is coming and kids are starting to make their wish lists. Atop their wish lists are items such as cars, trips, electronic items, such as DVD players, VCRs, and cell phones.

Sam Goody is a popular place to shop around the holiday time because they have a wide selection of music and videos. They anticipate that Spiderman and Star Wars Episode 2 will be the top selling DVDs, and the new Jay-Z, Three Doors Down, and Insane Clown Posse CDs will also be the best sellers.

Top Ten Gifts for a Boy

1. Car Accessories
2. Clothes
3. Cologne
4. Video Games
5. Cell Phone
6. Pet
7. Money
8. Coat
9. Sports Accessories
10. CDs

Top Ten Gifts for a Girl

1. Car
2. Clothing
3. Bath & Body Works
4. Jewelry
5. Tanning Packages
6. Leather Coat
7. Stuff from the Disney Store
8. Movies & DVD's
9. Picture Frames
10. Gift Certificates

WHAT EXACTLY DO PEOPLE WANT?

"A new car"
Ashley Podoll

"An all expense paid trip to Jamaica"
Ms. Gaffney-Paige

"The Hawkeyes to win the Rose Bowl"
Ben Messerli

"My Little Pony Collectors set with accessories"
Josh Ivey

"New booty slippers"
Danny Boggess

"A trip to Disney World"
Mrs. Jackson



"A hottie with a body in my new car"
Jami Sunderman

Other things that were popular were clothes, cell phones, watches, and gift cards

Now that we know what people want what about what people don't want. hicards.com has rated the

"Top Ten Worst Christmas Gifts"

10. Chia Pet
9. Socks
8. The Clapper
7. Scratch Lottery Tickets
6. Donny and Marie Xmas CD
5. Fruit Cake
4. Dental Floss

DID YOU KNOW??

• It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

• Relative to size, the strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.

• Human blood travels 60,000 miles (96,540 km) per day on its journey through the body.

• Walt Disney was afraid of mice.

• The sound of E.T. walking was made by someone squishing her hands in jelly.

• Elephants are the only mammals that can't jump.

• Insects outnumber humans 100,000,000 to one.

• A flamingo can eat only when its head is upside down.

• The citrus soda 7-UP was created in 1929; "7" was selected because the original containers were 7 ounces. "UP" indicated the direction of the bubbles.

• A broken clock is right at least twice a day.

• The shortest war in history was between Zanzibar and England in 1896. Zanzibar surrendered after 38 minutes.
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3. Dryer Lint Toys

2. Mood Ring

AND THE #1 WORST CHRISTMAS GIFT

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People never really know what to get their friends and family for Christmas. These lists could give you ideas of what to get others, and definitely what not to get them.

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Going to Meet the Queen

by Sara McGrew

During the summer of 2003, there is going to be a group of 22 students going to London and Paris for 8 days. They are going to be accompanied by Ms. Martin, Mrs. Gaffney-Paige, Ms. Humbert, and Mr Immerfall and two other parents.

They leave on July 15, 2003 from the Cedar Rapids Airport and plan on arriving back home July 24.

They will be touring different places in London and site seeing places like Buckingham Palace, Saint Paul's Cathedral, and Stonehenge. The student have been doing different fund raising

activities to raise money, such as selling cookie dough, working concessions at baseball games over the summer, and making Marion signs.

The students can't wait to get on the plane. Ms Humbert commented, "I've been to London before in my life and I love the history behind it. It will be fun taking to student to places like the theatres and witnessing everything for the first time."

Sophomore Ryan Steger added, "I can't wait for the feast. All kinds of food and the entertainment. It's going to like the scene from the THE CABLE GUY."

The Name Game

By: Ashley Berry

What's your name? Do you know how many people have the same name as you in the school, or even the United States. The most popular girl name at Marion High School is Ashley and the most popular most popular boy name is Josh. Here are some numbers:

| | |
|----------|----|
| Ashley | 18 |
| Amanda | 9 |
| Sara (h) | 9 |
| Lindsey | 8 |
| Josh | 14 |
| Matt | 13 |
| Andrew | 9 |
| Zach | 9 |
| Jessi(e) | 13 |
| Jami(e) | 9 |

These name are in all forms, such as Andy, Drew, Jessi, etc. The United States the most famous names are Emily and Jacob. The top ten list for girls is:

- 1.) Emily
- 2.) Madison
- 3.) Hannah
- 4.) Ashley
- 5.) Alexis
- 6.) Samantha
- 7.) Sarah
- 8.) Abigail
- 9.) Elizabeth
- 10.) Jessica

Boys' List:

- 1.) Jacob
- 2.) Micheal
- 3.) Matthew
- 4.) Joshua
- 5.) Christopher
- 6.) Nicholas
- 7.) Andrew
- 8.) Joseph
- 9.) Daniel
- 10.) William

Emily and Jacob have been the most popular names since around 1994. Micheal was the most famous from 1964-1998. Before Emily, Jessica sat on top of the list, from 1992 to 1994.

Did You Know Continued...

- The electric chair was invented by a dentist.
- American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating 1 olive from each salad served in first-class.
- Most people have an IQ in the 90 - 109 range. You're considered a genius if your IQ is 132 or above. Chris Langan has an IQ of 195, the highest known IQ in the US. He started talking at 6 months and by age 4 could read and comprehend books. His IQ puts him in the same class as Sir Isaac Newton and Michelangelo. He's in his mid-forties, and he works as a part-time bouncer at a bar and lives in a one-room house on \$6,000 a year.
- If you attempted to count all the stars in a galaxy at a rate of one every second it would take around 3,000 years to count them all.
- More than 2,500 left handed people are killed every year from using right handed products.
- In chess, there are 169,518,829,100,544,000,000,000,000,000 ways to play the first ten moves.
- If you were to take a taxicab from New York City to Los Angeles, it would cost you \$8,325.
- On a clear day, you can see five states from the top of the Empire State Building - New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.
- Dueling is legal in Paraguay as long as both parties are registered blood donors.
- There are 10 human body parts that are only 3 letters long (eye, hip, arm, leg, ear, toe, jaw, rib, lip, gum).
- The world's longest name officially used by a person is "Adolph Blaine Charles David Earl Frederick Gerald Hubert Irvin John Kenneth Lloyd Martin Nero Oliver Paul Quincy Randolph Shermasn Thomas Uncas Victor William Xerxes Yancy Zeus Wolfeschlegelsteinhausenbergerdorft Senior" which is composed of 28 words or 192 letters.
- Elvis had a twin brother named Jesse, who died at birth.
- Orville Wright was involved in the first aircraft accident. His passenger, a Frenchman, was killed.
- Scientist John Harvey owns Einstein's brain. Harvey was a pathologist at a small hospital in Princeton, NJ, when Einstein died in 1955 at the age of 76. Harvey performed the autopsy, determined Einstein died of natural causes, and took the brain home with him.
- If you keep a Goldfish in the dark room, it will eventually turn white.
- No other animal gives us more by-products than the pig. These by-products include pig suede, buttons, glass, paint brushes, crayons, chalk and insulation to name a few.
- Termites are affected by music. They will eat your house twice as fast if you play loud music.
- The name "Kangaroo" came about when some of the first white settlers saw this strange animal hopping along and they asked the Aborigines what it was called. They replied with "Kanguru", which in their language means "I don't know".

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A Dramatic Success

By Danny Hocken

Castle walls, dainty dresses, men in tights, a lot of dedication, and hard work were just a few of the things that were a part of this year's fall musical, "Once Upon a Mattress."

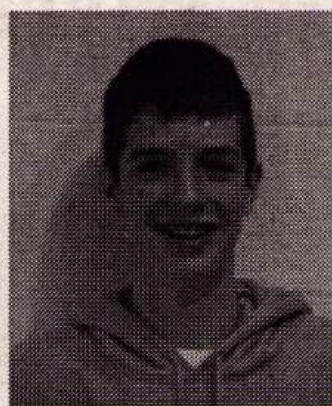
On November 7-9, around 45 students gave 110% of their effort and used their talents and skills to produce a fantastic show that about 800 people had the privilege to see. The show went very well all three nights, despite problems with the microphones on Thursday and Saturday.

Princess Winnifred (Alisabeth Caraway) had to pass a test given by Queen Aggravain (Leah Kinnaid) in order to marry Prince Dauntless (Keenan Gehman.) The queen placed a pea under twenty mattresses to test Winnifred for sensitivity, for if she was a true princess, she would not sleep because she would feel the pea. Sir Harry (Danny Hocken) and Lady Larken (Bethany Godar) were in desperate need for Dauntless to marry because they were not married but were expecting a baby. The problem was solved for everyone when Winnifred came on stage counting sheep from the night before.

Everyone who was involved in this year's musical had a great time and worked hard to make the production a success.



"I was Knight #2. I got to carry the mattress and fold the blanket, it was fun!" - Blake Hacker



"I had a lot of fun, the cast and crew was awesome to work with, and in the end it was a great show!" - Josh Immerfall



"I love how energetic Alisabeth was in the song, 'Shy.'" - Kaylin Cooper

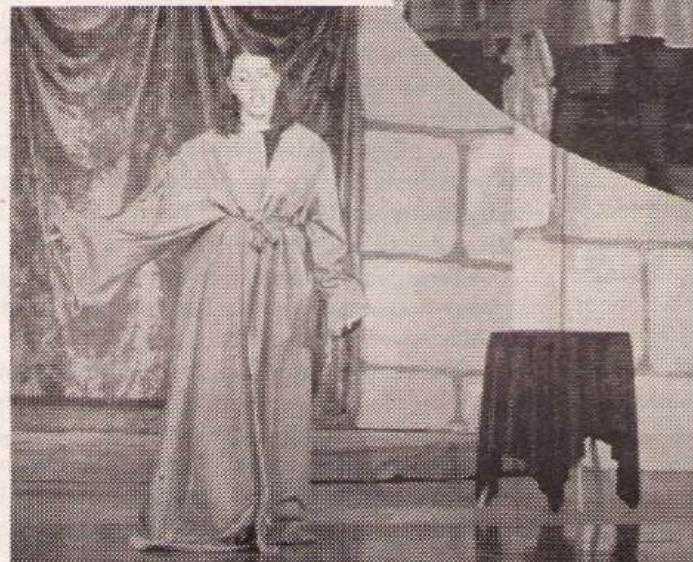
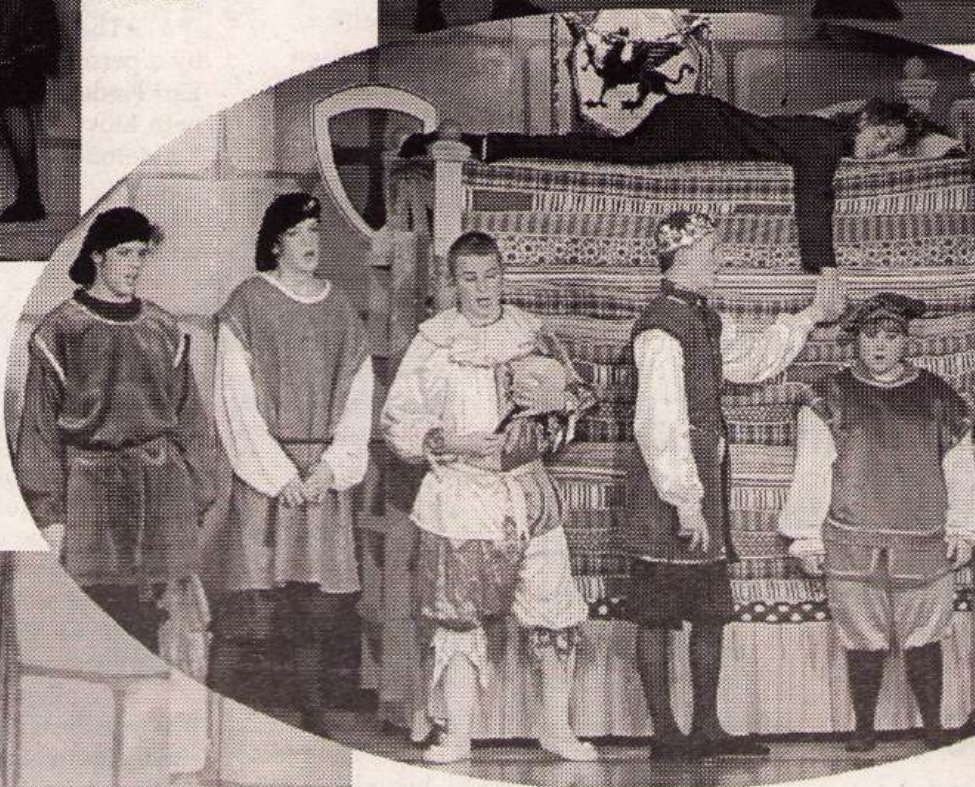


The mute king (Jeff Shinrock) tries to explain to the Minstrel (Jenna Hocken) and the Jester (Ben Shinrock) that Lady Larken is going to have a baby. All three of these students have been in previous musicals.



With help from the Jester, the Minstrel, and the King, Winnifred is able to pass the test and make plans to marry Dauntless. The finale of the musical featured the bed, borrowed from the Old Creamery Theatre Company, and the rest of the cast celebrating that "...a Princess is a delicate thing."

Prince Dauntless (Keenan Gehman) begs his mother (Leah Kinnaid) to let him marry the princess. Gehman and Kinnaid were both in last year's musical, also, and were both honored to have lead roles this year.



Alisabeth Caraway, sophomore, sings "Happily Ever After" on the Thursday night performance of "Once Upon a Mattress." This was Alisabeth's second year of being in the fall musical at the high school.

Sir Harry (Danny Hocken) pauses in awe as Lady Larken (Bethany Godar) announces her pregnancy. Both Hocken and Godar have been in previous productions.





"It's a fun place to go to meet new people." - Charley Martin

Dancing the Night Away

By Paige Johnson

Have you ever been bored on a Saturday night, with nothing to do? You should come and check out Night Storm in Palo. Night Storm is a teen dance club and is a great place to enjoy music, dancing and hanging out with your friends. The traveling dance club is in its second year here in Iowa and only stays for a few short months.

Cost to get in is \$8 and the dancing stops at midnight. Most of the girls wear clothes that show off their "physical features", while the guys just wear casual dance clothes. Security is very important to the club, every guest is searched with a metal detector to make sure no weapons are brought in. Also, if you leave you are not allowed back in unless

you pay again.

There are different themes for each night. Out of all the different nights, opening night and Foam Night are the most popular. Most of the music played is rap and there is a different D.J. every Saturday. "Fun times, cool people, dancing, and whipped cream," Lindsay Engle said when asked about Night Storm. Many Marion students have really enjoyed the club and go every Saturday. So, why is it that students find Night Storm so fascinating? Brittnee Musser responds to that with, "Lots of hot boys!" You should come out to Palo and see what it's all about.



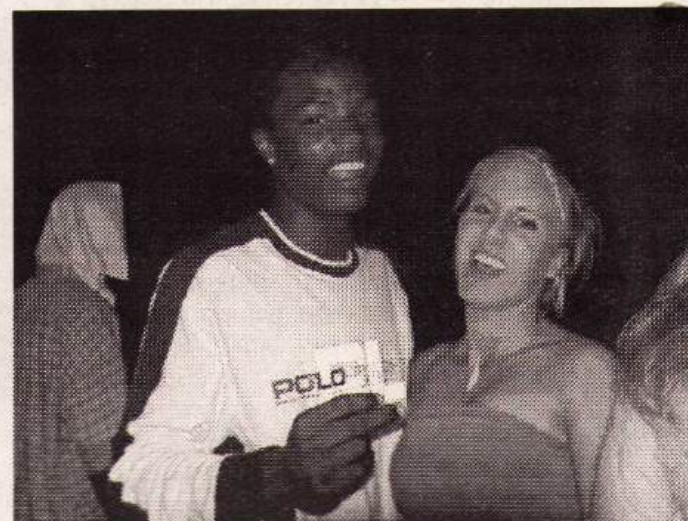
"There are a lot of nice looking people there and I love to dance." - Jaimie Delong



"It's fun because you get to see friends you haven't seen in awhile." - Tiffany Morgan



"I think it's icky and there are lots of other things to do on the weekends." - Taryn Hyduk



Above: Tracy Jackson, senior, dances at Night Storm with his friend from another school. Night Storm is a great way to meet new people and hang out with your friends.

Below: Tess Putnam, junior, receives her academic letter and certificate from Mr. Ferguson at the academic awards assembly on November 7. Putnam has lettered twice now for academic achievements.

Top 10 ITED Scores

Sophomores: Megan Anderson, Jacqueline Barnister, Andrew Barnd, Alyssa Clark, Bryan Clark, Ashley Cudworth, Holly Grieder, John Hauskins, Amber Howe, Ruby Swanson, Brittany Weisinger

Juniors: Keenan Gehman, Bethany Godar, Daniel Hocken, Brett Kane, Zachary Labs, Cari Laue, Ben Remington, Mark Stalnaker, Amelia Warner

Seniors: Eric Buh, Kristen Curtis, Jennifer Garringer, Gordon Herb, Jenna Hocken, Josh Ivey, Leah Kinnaird, Ashley Podoll, Garrett Wood, Megan Zanie



At the academics award assembly, Paige Johnson, sophomore, receives her first academic letter and certificate. Students must maintain a 3.5 GPA each quarter of the previous year to receive an academic letter.

Right: Candice O'Connell, senior, shakes the hand of Dr. Thomas as she receives her academic letter and certificate.

Academic All-Stars

By Danny Hocken and Paige Johnson

Academic Letter Winners 3.5 GPA or higher

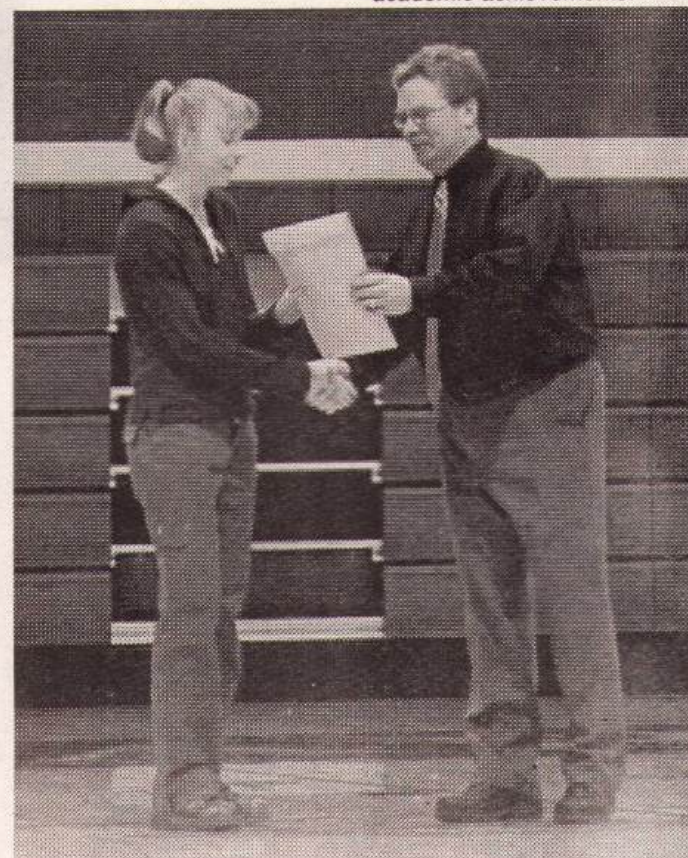
Sophomores: Quang Bach, Amy Bahl, Jacqueline Barnister, Andrew Barnd, Kody Blazek, Ashley Cimaglia, Alyssa Clark, Bryan Clark, Leslie Coffman, Valerie Crutchley, Ashley Cudworth, Ashleigh Derby, Jennifer Edwards, Joshua Ellis, Lindsey Ferguson, Holly Grieder, Rachel Grissom, Amber Howe, Derek Hurt, Paige Johnson, Trent Jordan, Alli Karns, Jessica Knapp, Molly Lohr, Charley Martin, Ashley O'Neill, Melissa Schnieders, Ruby Swanson, Carl Todd, Tiffany Tope, Brittany Weisinger, Nathan Young

Juniors: Chaz Beck, Ashley Berry, Angela Cannavo, Lydia Chadek, Perry Clouse, Jenny Fager, Shaina Gardner, Keenan Gehman, Emily Gerald, Bethany Godar, Daniel Hocken, Brock Holub, Amber Jordan, Jaclyn Klopfenstein, Jennifer Kruk, Zachary Labs, Philip



Lala, Jennifer Lamphier, Cari Laue, Sheila Lehrman, Tina Lujan, Kristina McCusker, Sara McGrew, Brittany Mohling, Krysta Olinger, Chris Page, Amanda Pflughaupt, Tess Putnam, Ben Remington, Danny Rhodes, Jessica Sauer, Anna Servey, Ben Shinrock, Amanda Smith, Mary Soldner, Mark Stalnaker, Holly Swierk, Seth Walters, Amelia Warner, Sarah Whited, Justine Wignall, Jill Wittkop

Seniors: Eric Buh, Jessi Clark, Lyndsi Clefisch, Kristen Curtis, Austin Derby, Brianna Ditzenberger, Nicole Edwards, Jen Garman, Jennifer Garringer, Holly Hansen, Jenna Hocken, Molly Kelley, Morgan Kelley, Zach Kerton, Leah Kinnaird, Abby Klaasen, Caleb Lynott, Jamie Murdoch, Amanda Murray, Kirsten Nelson, Leslie



Nigg, Candice O'Connell, Corbin Olds, Ashley Podoll, Jeff Shinrock, Sarah Soldner, Megan Standley, Lindsey Steffek, Eric

Weaver, Shannon Williams, Garrett Wood, Gavin Wright, Megan Zanie

Winter Sports Preview

Cold Weather - Hot Teams

As the last of the fall sports have drawn to a close, athletes of winter sports are getting ready for their upcoming winter season. Four different sports are available at Marion, meaning that there is at least one sport for everybody to enjoy, whether it's participating or being a spectator.

Wrestling: 10 Varsity will return as letter winners from last year. A large number of JV wrestlers will step up to complete the Varsity roster. They have little to no experience at the Varsity level, but are very skilled and are expected to learn quickly. They are looking for leadership from their 6 seniors to help them along.

Winter Cheerleading: Winter cheerleading is popular among girls at all grade levels at Marion. This year 24 cheerleaders are on the Basketball squad, 12 on Varsity, and 12 on JV, including 3 boys. They cheer for both boys and girls games. 6 girls make up the Varsity Wrestling squad, with 4 on JV. These girls cheer at every meet, home and away.

Girl's Basketball: The Varsity team is looking forward to their upcoming season, although none of their opponents in the conference expect much from them. They are young and inexperienced, but that won't stop them. The girls will focus on team play and will look towards their seniors for guidance. They are hoping to surprise some of these teams.

Boy's Basketball: This group of talented young men is full of spunk and tenacity. This team is expected to be led by a great bunch of seniors with help from some extremely talented underclassmen. They want to improve in several areas and hopefully finish at the top of their division. It will be hard to live up to last years standards, which is one of their many goals. This year in Freshman and Sophomore Basketball should come out to be an exciting one. The coach for the Freshman team is Craig Foote. He is very intense and passionate about the game and expects a lot out of his players. "I have had the privilege to coach these young men." The freshman team has a sense of cohesiveness and good team play. The Sophomore team is coached by Chad Rahe and assisted by Brad Wiedeman. They both are great coaches who have a great passion for the game of basketball. The Sophmores should be an exciting team to watch. They have worked hard in the off-season and are awaiting a successful year.

Bowling: Bowling is gaining popularity at MHS, as an expected 8 bowlers are on the team. They will be led by seniors Kade Logsdon and Jason Corey. Steve Clair returns as coach of the team. Games start in early December.



Fall cheerleaders celebrate a touchdown during the Homecoming game against Vinton.

Marion Stopped Short

Grinnell beat Marion Friday night at Thomas Park field 21 - 18. It was a hard fought game, but the Tigers outlasted Marion in the end.

The Indians led the Tigers all the way through the end of the third quarter 18 - 14.

At the start of the fourth quarter Grinnell's first play from scrimmage was a 60 yard screen pass for a touchdown. Grinnell made the extra point to go up 21 - 18. The Indians drove down the field with great passing plays which got them out of bounds to stop the clock. Marion drove down to the 31 yard line, and called their final timeout. That's when the

Indians' kicker Ryne Tope attempted to kick a 44 yard field goal to try and tie the game up. Tope was unsuccessful as his kick fell about 2 yards short and 3 yards to the left of the uprights. "We'd been working on kicking in practice all week. But we couldn't make it." said senior cornerback Chris Clendenen.

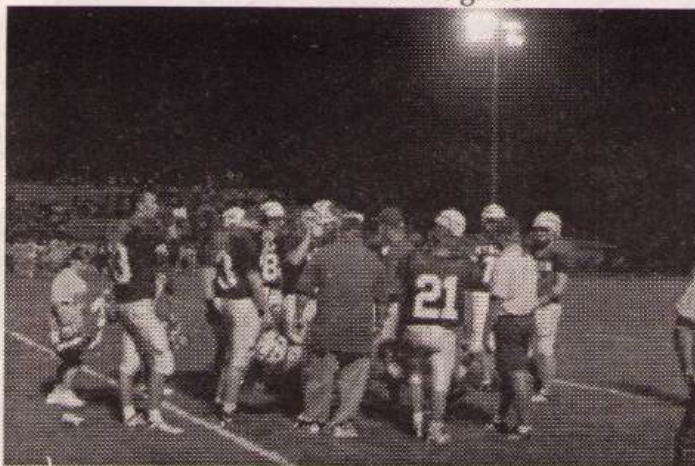
Marion Stunned

"It was probably one of the coldest football games I've ever been to", said spectator and fan Josh Ivey. What was even more cold was the Indians play against a 1-6 Dewitt Central team.

Dewitt came out of the gates fired up ready to play, full of spunk. The Indians' also came out like this, but it seemed to die down after Dewitt's first score. "I don't

think anybody was really into the game after we got down big", said senior linebacker Jordan Forkner. Marion was down 21 - 0 at one point, but at halftime the score was 24 - 8. Dewitt would score one more time in the game to make the final score 32 - 8.

Marion was held to just under 140 total yards for the game.



The team huddles up before the start of the fourth quarter to talk about their strategy. It was a ritual for the team to hold up four fingers after the third quarter to represent their strength through four quarters.

Maquoketa

Gets

Hammered by Marion

The Marion team we all knew came out Friday night in their last game against the Maquoketa Cardinals.

Maquoketa scored on their first play from scrimmage on a 65 yard touchdown run. But that didn't affect the Indians as they drove down the field with beautiful play calling, mixing up the run, and the pass. Marion scored on a 1 yard Wade Burrell carry, and went up on Maquoketa 8 - 6. Marion came through again, with more outstanding play calling and scored on a touchdown pass from Remington to Bolsinger. Marion went up 16 - 6. Marion went into halftime with a ten point lead. Marion came out at halftime with the same tenacity they had in the first half. The Indians went on to score two more touchdowns and finish the game in a romping of Maquoketa 32 - 12.

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Cross Country - Runaway Success

This year in Marion Cross Country was a very successful and very exciting. Freshman Madison Bliss led the way this year for the girls by winning Districts and goin to state and finishing 32nd at the state meet. Madison also won the Rookie of the year and MVP for the girls. This year the girls had to run a longer distance therefore there are new records. The Freshman record was set by Madison Bliss with a time of 15:05. The Sophomore record was set by Valerie Crutchley with a time of 15:15, and the Junior record was set by Tess Putnam with a time of 15:36. The Varsity Girls Cross Country had one of its best years for a few reasons. One because of the top four runners who consisted of Madison Bliss, Val Crutchley, Tess Putnam, Tori Klobec, and Jacklyn Klopfenstien. There were no senior girls this year so there

is no record. The boy's were led by senior Garrett Wood followed by Sophomore Curt Hansen. Also the boys team had one of the most successful seasons in Marion History. There was two time records this set by senior Garrett Wood breaking the Senior record with a time of 16:51 breaking the 17:03 time. Also Curt Hansen set the Sophomore record with a time of 16:49.

One reason the boys team did so well this year is because of the new comers this year. The three new comers were Sophomore Curt Hansen, Junior D.J. Engle, and Senior Jonas Orejuela. The Varsity Team for the first time since 1996 won the WAMAC meet making them the WAMAC champions. Another reason that the team did so well was the leadership they had by the Seniors Aaron Doubet and Garrett Wood.



The boys cross Country Team celebrates a victory at the Independence Invitational. The boys and girls team saw more success this year than in many year.

Varsity Volleyball Wrap-up

The varsity volleyball team ended their season with another district championship. The girls played Monticello and North Cedar in district play this year. Both matches went to the full five games, making it very close. The Indians, however, pulled together and beat Monticello and North Cedar each, three games to two. For the regional game the Indians played a tough Mt. Vernon, and lost 8-15, 4-15, and 3-15. The girls ended with an overall game record of 40-55, and although the regular season play didn't turn out the way the girls hoped, they didn't give up, and became more of a team. Senior Lindsey Steffek was named for Second Team

WAMAC, Jena Hugg and Holly Hansen received Honorable Mention, and Ashley Podoll and Holly Hansen were named for All Academic. First Team All Metro was Lindsey Steffek, Second Team All Metro was

Jena Hugg, and Honorable Mention went to Holly Hansen and Whitney Perkins. The girls had a tough season with many ups and downs, but they learned a lot about themselves, attitude, and playing as a team.

The girls do their pregame clapping ritual.



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